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Karma and Larry,

We heard you both, sadly are leaving this month. Many of us have very much appreciated having you both there to talk to. It was priceless, at times to know there was someone here in the NW and back in DC that would listen and help us tell our side of the story to an agency that sometimes does not want to listen. For your service, time, willingness and the hope you gave us, we extend a big thank you. We know you both will be successful in what ever your life's next step are.

I attached two summary letters and a review of the report out here, for your own edification. Along with a quick summary. I suspect you and some others in the agency saw this action for what it is in the past year and knew that this tactic would have negative consequences for us as well as the agency. The abuse of science has pretty much destroyed any trust we had in the professionalism of the agency. The four families are an emotional mess, and the rest of us watching this in horror see this as an attack on four good families who did nothing wrong except they live in the ninth Circuit and there is a nitrate problem in the valley they live in.

This action in Yakima of building this report simply to scapegoat and then use or destroy four families as a legal means to an end - ranks as the the most vicious, evil action I have ever seen an agency engage in.

Our hopes are pretty low at this point, but we must remain optimistic that we will eventually get this moved back to the productive discussion we were and are still in before this report and legal agenda were unleashed on us earlier this fall.

Thank you and once again we have very much appreciated having your leadership and friendly voice to listen to us. Agriculture has lost two good liaisons. We hope the agency will replace you both and reinstate some agency with those positions.

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